

S.B.C.S.S – “A Celebration of People”
“Heart of the Community: Success for each -- a place for all”

St. Benedict Catholic School Advisory Council

Thursday, May 7, 2020

6:30

Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order: 6:30

Welcome & Prayer: Margaret Ingoldsby

- **Principal’s Report** - Margaret Ingoldsby
 - Catholic Education Week – Igniting hope
 - Bishop Crosby will host a live mast on Friday for all to join
 - Mental Health Awareness week – presentation by Sharon Porty (see more below)
 - Dr Jen from Umbrella project was schedule to speak tonight at our Family of Schools celebration but has been reschedule for the fall
 - Communication has been a big factor – hoping that the Benn letters are getting to the parents and that it is enough
 - Teachers should be reachable for the students
 - Contact and share with teachers how they are doing, questions, concerns etc.
 - SAC elections are scheduled for tomorrow, Friday May 8 – SAC representative have been great with getting activities communicated out to the students
 - Accepting applications for LINK crew members for next year
 - Scheduling for next year is in progress – counsellors are reaching out to students if necessary, about courses so remind them to pick up the phone if they don’t know the number
 - Website – Anton has implemented some changed
 - Email Anton directly if there are any more suggestions
 - Work on a parent calendar – that would be specific for important dates
 - Especially important for our new Grade 9’s coming in
 - Grade 12’s – don’t want to lose sight of them, important time for them
 - Attempting to plan a celebration of some sort and running into roadblocks, will communicate when there are concrete plans
 - No final exams will be happening
 - March 13th – mark is the base, if a student continues to increase achievement evidence of growth and/ or improved performance that mark can increase
 - Report cards will be distributed but only Grade 12’s will get interim reports since needed for final applications for schools

- Planning at all levels (provincially, board and school) are occurring for all different types of scenarios
 - Again, information is provided, it will be communicated to the community
 - Board website is always a great place to check out for the up to date information

- **Chairs Report - Eric Vaz**
 - CPIC was in hiatus for a bit, there was a virtual meeting last week but unable to attend

- **Presentation by Sharon Porty**
 - A similar presentation was delivered to the teachers last week – excellent information
 - Important to identify that everyone is at different stages of dealing with our situation
 - All these changes and new rules can be exhausting for everyone
 - It's okay not to be okay – boredom is causing stress for adults and kids alike
 - There are mixed messages being received and interpreted through social media that make dealing with the circumstances more challenging
 - Some people are thriving in this environment by learning new activities or completing hobbies that normally you wouldn't have time for but some are not
 - It's important to review our expectations – the lows and highs of our days
 - It's okay to have a low day but learning on how to deal with that positively
 - Behaviors may not be normal – this may indicate that someone needs more support
 - Big feelings but don't know how to communicate and may result in acting out
 - Teens need to know they are not alone – teen help lines are available by either phone or texting

Next Meeting

New school year – would like to move meetings to Tuesday's if no objections

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm

Next meeting: September, 2020 (details to be determined)